# CAMO AT A GLANCE JAN - FEB 2023



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## THE PAST TWO MONTHS IN NUMBERS

**23,562** PATIENTS SERVED

**178** VOLUNTEERS IN USA AND HONDURAS



PIECES OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATED IN THE USA AND HONDURAS

### UPCOMING EVENTS



Month of April Dedicated to Food for Healing:

Food for healing is a onemonth campaign held annually to support the camo nutrition program in Honduras.

www.camo.org/

foodforhealing2023

### Thirty-year celebration with a CAMO Open House May 21, 2023 1- 4PM 322

Westwood Ave Orrville, Oh.

Enjoy music, food, and tours to understand more of what and how we do what we do. 18th annual Golf Scramble. Registration Saturday, June 10, 2023, at The Pines Golf Club, Orrville

Open now online www.camo.org/golf2023



This year, 65 kids ages 1-5 have the opportunity to go to a safe daycare in Santa Rosa de Copán, free of charge. This facility is managed by the Ministry of Labor and sponsored by CAMO. Most of these kids are raised by single mothers and come from low-income families.



We want to thank our program counterpart Nick Giarelli who has supported our ultrasound program with donations for years. Thanks to him and other donors, our biomedical team was able to deliver 4 ultrasounds in the month of February, three of them to hospitals in the western region and one to the Clínica Materno Infantil de Corquin Copán.



We are proud to welcome our new Board of Directors at CAMO Honduras. We trust their expertise and leadership will guide our operations and strengthen our organization in Honduras with great vision, faith, and wisdom. Thumbs up to our 2023-2024 leaders. Welcome to the CAMO Family, and thank you for your service.



# **CAMO IN FOCUS** JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2023

### **TOUR CAMO**

Would you like to take a tour of CAMO? Call the office at (330) 683-5956 and see how God is moving by bringing hope to the forgotten.

### **EXPLORE & LEARN**

Visit CAMO'S brand new website! See more of what we do and read testimonials of miraculous healing. www.camo.org

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

It costs CAMO an average of \$100 to save one child's life. As a donor, service group or church congregation, prayerfully consider helping meet the needs of the poor.

#### **BECOME A CAMO VOLUNTEER**

We welcome adult volunteers of all ages and skill levels. Please call CAMO and use your gifts and talents to make a difference in the lives of so many.



**Nearly 20 years ago, a friend of John Croft's read the book "Faith in Action: Medical Missionaries in Central America."** That book, published in 1997, is an inspirational documentary of the early years of Central American Medical Outreach (CAMO) told through photographs and prose. The book was so inspirational, it led John and his wife, Wanda, to become two of CAMO's longest-tenured volunteers.

"20 years ago, we visited CAMO and met with Kathy," said Wanda. "She said if you want to do it, you need to be consistent, we need you here." The Croft's were already inspired before that introduction to Kathy and CAMO - that meeting solidified their commitment to the mission. They are so committed, they drive 38 miles, one way, every Monday, from their home in Sugarcreek, Ohio to Orrville.

After working as a nurse for nearly 40 years, 30 years as part of the nursing faculty at Kent State University Tuscarawas. Wanda is a natural fit as a CAMO nurse volunteer – she knows all of the supplies and equipment and what it is used for. Initially, John was instrumental at CAMO as a forklift and box truck driver. But there were needs at CAMO that weren't being addressed. Kathy knew of John's background as a production worker at Gradall and of his mechanical aptitude. CAMO had a need for someone to lead the prosthetics area – and John stepped right in.

"I love seeing the photos and videos of people in Honduras using the prosthetics that were donated here, I worked on them here, and it is making their life better there. I find satisfaction in that and there is something here every volunteer can find satisfaction in," John said.

Asked what inspires her to drive 38 miles one-way every Monday after nearly 20 years of volunteering, Wanda's answer was simple: "The model works," she said. "Knowing how CAMO has integrated with the Honduran culture and the outreach into the population there is inspiring. I come every week because it is just so neat to know someone can use what we would otherwise throw away here in this country."

At CAMO, there's always room for one more. We are always in need of volunteers in all areas of our operations. From nurses to packers, sorters, drivers, maintenance, biomedical engineers – we need your help! To learn more about volunteering or to schedule a tour of our facility, call (330) 683-5956 or just stop in between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.